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Report of the sixth special session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, by which it decided to establish the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme,

Recalling also its resolutions 54/216 of 22 December 1999 on the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme at its twentieth session and 53/242 of 28 July 1999 on the report of the Secretary-General on environment and human settlements,

Recalling further the Nairobi Declaration on the Role and Mandate of the United Nations Environment Programme,[1] adopted by the Governing Council of the Programme at its nineteenth session,

Underscoring that the forthcoming ten-year review of progress achieved since the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development will provide the international community with a unique opportunity to take action to implement its commitments and to strengthen the international cooperation urgently required to address the challenges of sustainable development in the twenty-first century,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 25* (A/52/25), annex, decision 19/1, annex.

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Reaffirming the role of the United Nations Environment Programme in the preparation for the ten-year review of the progress achieved in the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, as reflected in the decisions of the eighth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development,

Taking note of the report of the sixth special session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme,[2]

1. *Stresses* the importance of the section of the United Nations Millennium Declaration[3] on protecting our common environment[4] which reaffirms the principles of sustainable development as set out in Agenda 21,[5] and in particular resolves to adopt a new ethic of conservation and stewardship in all our environmental actions;

2. *Takes note* of the Malamö Ministerial Declaration[6] adopted at the sixth special session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme;

3. *Welcomes* the decision[7] of the Governing Council on the contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21;[8]

4. *Stresses* that the United Nations Environment Programme, as the principal body in the field of environment within the United Nations system, should continue to play an important role in the implementation of Agenda 21 and in the preparation of the ten-year review of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

5. *Underscores* the need for sufficient financial resources, on a stable and predictable basis, to ensure the full implementation of the mandate of the United Nations Environment Programme, in particular with a view to providing the Programme with the necessary resources for its strong involvement in the preparatory process for the ten-year review of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development at its various levels, and in the implementation of the outcome of the review;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the necessary resources from the regular budget of the United Nations to the United Nations Environment Programme for the biennium 2002-2003, in accordance with current budgetary practices, and to consider other ways to support the strengthening of the Programme in view of the ten-year review of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.

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[2] Ibid., *Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 25* (A/55/25).

[3] General Assembly resolution 55/2.

[4] Ibid., sect. IV.

[5] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992*, vol. I, *Resolutions Adopted by the Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex II.

[6] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 25* (A/55/25), annex I, decision SS.VI/1, annex.

[7] Ibid., decision SS.VI/3.

[8] General Assembly resolution S-19/2, annex.